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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2022

Committee Chairperson Cocks called the June 15, 2022 Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Vince Cocks, Josh Shulman, Dan Saracki, and Jeff Gow. Members absent: Richard Bennett and Patti Reed. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve May 19, 2022 Finance Committee Minutes – Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gow, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Easement Agreement with Largo – B.J. Gavin, Project Engineer, gave an outline of the agreement with Largo for an easement agreement to install a shelter near Largo High School. Questions were asked about the location, other bus stops in the area, the design of the shelter, and real-time transit information.

[Mr. Saracki entered the meeting at 9:08 am.]

After discussion, Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shulman, to recommend approval of the easement agreement with the City of Largo. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Technology (IT) Contracts – Julie Cagliostro, Chief Information Officer, and Al Burns, Director of Procurement, gave a presentation on several IT contracts including Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile, and AT&T, as well as extending the contract with Spectrum. Mr. Burns provided information on the procurement process. Comments were made about resiliency and cloud providers. Mr. Gow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to recommend approval of the contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

Waste Management and Recycling Services – Mr. Burns gave a brief outline of staff's recommendation to extend the contract with Waste Management until July 30, 2022 until a new Request for Proposal (RFP) process takes place. A question was asked about the cost, which Mr. Burns answered. Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by

Mr. Saracki, to recommend approval of the contract extension. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Benefits Contracts – Liz O’Hara, Deputy Director of Human Resources, and Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, provided information on health benefits for PSTA employees including health, dental, vision, and life insurance. Questions and comments were made about the scoring, the high-deductible plan, Health Savings Account (HSA) contributions, short- and long-term disability insurance, and supplemental insurance options, which staff answered. After discussion, Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gow, to recommend approval of the contracts with Cigna, Versant/MetLife, and Ochs/Minnesota Life. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Fleet Electrification Benefits – Ms. Leous and Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, gave a presentation on fuel costs and the benefits of electric vehicles. Questions were asked about cooling the buses, the average kilowatt hours (kWh) per year, maintenance costs, which routes currently have electric buses, and the Jolley Trolley buses.

Reports:

Monthly Financial Statement – The financial statement was included in the packet. Julie Lupis, Director of Accounting, provided highlights from the April 2022 report. Ms. Leous briefly spoke about the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding.

Ridership/Performance – The report was included in the packet. Mr. Miller spoke about the Monthly Ridership report as well as the Access Paratransit data tracking sheet, both included in the packet. Bonnie Epstein, Director of Mobility, provided additional information on the paratransit report.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 9:00 a.m.